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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning to name new building after fallen Soldier**

**Who:** Directorate of Training Sustainment

**What:** The Directorate of Training Sustainment Headquarters Building will be named for Spc. Lori Piestewa during a Memorialization Ceremony Wednesday at 10 a.m.

This facility has more than 27,000 square feet of useable space. Piestewa Hall is home to more than 98 civilians and 70 administrative workers, drivers, medics, fuelers and ammunition Soldiers who support training at MCoE.

It is from this headquarters – Piestewa Hall – that the DOTS team of Soldiers and civilians carry out a vital and fast-paced logistics mission – to provide the Maneuver Center of Excellence with the required logistics resources in support of Soldier training which includes: water and fuel distribution, transportation support, training equipment, equipment issue and turn-in, providing medical support for high-risk Soldier training, and forecasting and planning for any additional logistics support for Soldier training.

**When:** 10 a.m. Nov. 30

**Where:** Harmony Church, Fort Benning

**Why:** Spc. Piestewa was deployed to Iraq with the 507th Maintenance Company, which was part of 2nd Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, where she tracked supplies and performed clerical work. In early 2003, her unit received orders to deploy overseas as part of the preparation of what became Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Still suffering from an injury suffered during a training exercise, she persuaded her commanders to permit her to deploy with her unit rather than remain behind as her injury entitled her. Spc. Piestewa was seriously wounded, captured and subsequently died in captivity March 23, 2003, after her convoy was attacked by enemy fire. Her performance was in keeping with the highest standards of selfless service and reflects great credit upon her.

She was awarded the Purple Heart and Prisoner of War Medal. Spc. Piestewa is survived by her daughter Carla and son Brandon, and her parents, Terry and Priscilla Piestewa.

**How:** Mr. Scott Fabozzi, Director for the Maneuver Center of Excellence Directorate of Training Sustainment, will be available for interview.

Media who wish to attend this event should contact Public Affairs.

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